Claim 16, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 15" to --claim 7-.

Claim 17, line 1, change "any of claims 7 to 15" to --claim 7-.

Claim 21, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 20" to --claim 7-.

Claim 23, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 22" to --claim 8--.

Claim 24, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 23" to --claim 8--.

Claim 25, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 24" to --claim 8--.

Claim 26, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 24" to --claim 8--.

Claim 27, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 26" to --claim 8--.

Claim 28, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 28" to --claim 18--.

Claim 30, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 29" to --claim 18--.

Claim 31, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 30" to --claim 18--.

Claim 32, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 31" to --claim 18--.

Claim 33, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 32" to --claim 18--.

Claim 34, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 32" to --claim 18--.

Claim 34, line 1, change "any of claims 18 to 33" to --claim 18--.

REMARKS

By this amendment, the multiple dependencies have been removed from dependent claims 5-6, 9, 11, 13-17, 21, and 23-34 so that each claim depends from a single claim and to avoid the fee charged for such claims as originally presented.

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